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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Ray Wiedle for his work with the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight program; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Wiedle served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Navy; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Wiedle lived in Chatham for many years before moving to St. Ann, Missouri; after he moved, he became involved with Honor Flight though his real estate agent; he later participated as a guardian on a Franklin Country Honor Flight, where he met Springfield resident Bob Matteson; after going on the flight and talking with Bob, Mr. Wiedle decided that the central Illinois region, specifically Springfield, was underserved when it came to Honor Flights for veterans; and

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WHEREAS, In January of 2009, in the midst of an ice storm, the first meeting to discuss an Honor Flight hub for central Illinois was convened; in February of 2009, the first public meeting was held at the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport; in March of 2009, Land of Lincoln Honor Flight became a hub and was incorporated with the Honor Flight Network; and

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WHEREAS, Under the guidance of Ray Wiedle, the Land of

1 Lincoln Honor Flight hub has taken 13 flights and transported
2 833 veterans, free of charge, to see their memorials dedicated
3 to the service and sacrifice of all veterans of the United
4 States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, Ray Wiedle serves as a model of hard work,
6 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
7 Illinois and veterans throughout the nation; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we honor Ray Wiedle for his work with the Land of Lincoln Honor
11 Flight program and wish him continued success in his future
12 endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Ray Wiedle as a symbol of our esteem and respect.